

demie broke out on June 8. There were 133 new cases. Yesterday there were only 81 new cases reported and the deaths were only 32.

#### DEPARTMENT STORE GIRL IS STILL MISSING

Lydia Wiles, 19, the high school girl who worked at Rothschild's department store, is still missing. She started for work Thursday morning and has not been seen since.

The girl's father, J. F. Wiles, 6102 Stewart av., said today that he believes she has been abducted or induced to leave by a department store flirt, perhaps a suitor who induced her to elope.

Several varieties of flirts flourish in the department stores. One is the "harmless" variety, the men who simply want to make a mash and take a girl "out for a good time."

Another kind of department store flirt is the man, most often aided by a woman confederate, who gains the friendship and confidence of a low-paid store worker with the sole purpose of commercializing her to vice.

The story has often been told in morals court of how girl workers in the stores have taken the first wrong step because they thought that by it they could escape some of the drudgery and drabness of their lives.

The professional department store flirt directs his wiles against the girls whom they know are having a hard struggle to keep straight and who are leading near joyless lives because of their poverty.

Miss Wiles was not forced to work by poverty. She had no reason, it seems, to run away from a good home; but she is gone.

#### THIS ONE WAS OLD WHEN NOAH PUT TO SEA

Cincinnati, July 22.—Hundreds of fish in the Licking river have gone on a jag and many have died as a result of their dissipation. Federal authorities are investigating the dumping of distillery waste in the river.

#### POLICEMAN'S WIFE SAYS PAY FROM CITY IS HELD UP

Is the city holding up the pay of its employees who are soldiers?

City Comptroller Eugene R. Pike says "No."

The wife of a policeman who went to the border when his company of militia was called out says:

"My husband has been away four weeks. I have received but two weeks' pay, and that not until last Wednesday.

"We stand in danger of losing all we have, of eviction from our home. The few dollars we had saved up before my husband was called away are gone. I was forced to give up our little girl because I could not care for her.

"I have gone to the paymaster's office each week, sometimes oftener. One of the men there finally told me: 'It is none of my business if you are starving; it is none of my business if you are going to lose your home; you will get your money when it is due.'

"Another man there told me that it was the intention to hold out two weeks' pay on every guardsman, so that in case any were promoted to officers the city would not be overpaying them. You see, the order passed by the city council says that the city shall make up the difference between what the men draw in the army and what they are paid as city employees.

"I don't know what I'll do. I have begged Col. Sanborn to release my husband, but he will not."

A soldier has written from the border to protest against the city holding up the pay of enlisted employees while families are suffering in want.

City Comptroller Eugene R. Pike has denied most of the allegations of the soldier who wrote from the border, though he has admitted there have been delays and that a reserve fund has been held out against certain of the city soldiers whom the dep't, he says, does not know whether they are privates or officers in the army,